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SUBJECT: AMMAN PRESS ON US ARMS SALES TO JORDAN

1. LOCAL DAILY AD-DUSTOUR JULY 12 NOTED THAT
WHITE HOUSE HAS INFORMED CONGRESS OF INTENT TO SELL
HAWK RICKETS TO JORDAN THEN CONTINUES CITING REUTERS
DATELINE: CONGRESS MIGHT VETO THIS DECUSION. THE
US ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO SELL ADDITIONAL
ROCKETS TO JORDAN--SUCH AS PORTABLE-SHOULDER FIRED
ANTI-AIRCRAFT ROCKETS-IS MEETING WITH THE OPPOSITION
OF SOME CONGRESSMEN WHO ARGUE THAT THESE ROCKETS WILL
OFFER THE JORDANIAN FORCES PROTECTION IN CASE JORDAN
ATTACKS ISRAEL. CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID THAT THE
PRESIDENT AND KING HUSSEIN HAD AGREED... TO SELL
JORDAN ARMS VALUED AT BETWEEN 200 AND 300 MILLION
DOLLARS. HOWEVER... CONGRESS HAS THE RIGHT TO VETO
WITHIN TWENTY DAYS ANY ARMS DEAL WHOSE VALUE EXCEED
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\$25 MILLION. A SPOKESMAN OF THE ZIONIST CONGRESSMAN

ROSENTHAL, WHO LEADS THE HOUSE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THIS TRANSACTION SAID THAT IT LOOKS AS IF THE HOUSE WILL NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO ISSUE ITS JUDGEMENT ON THE SALE OF REDEYE ROCKETS. THIS LATTER ROCKET IS CONSIDERED MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE HAWK"...

2. ISRAELI RADIO JULY 12 CARRIED ITEM INDICATING SENATOR CASE SPONSORING SIMILAR RESOLUTION IN SENATE AGAINST HAWK SALE.
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